

MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION (117TH CONGRESS)

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** = New bills since last update

ADDICTION & SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

Foster, Bill (D-IL) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 1685, To authorize the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, acting through the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, to award grants to States to expand access to clinically appropriate services for opioid abuse, dependence, or addiction.

Tonko, Paul (D-NY) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 1384, To amend section 303(g) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823(g)) to eliminate the separate registration requirement for dispensing narcotic drugs in schedule III, IV, or V (such as buprenorphine) for maintenance or detoxification treatment, and for other purposes.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Allen, Rick W. (R-GA)

**HR 787, Expanding Student Access to Mental Health Services Act: To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve mental health services for students, and for other purposes.

Dean, Madeleine (D-PA)

**HR 868, END Stigma Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to institutions of higher education to develop programs and materials to educate students who have a substance use disorder on treatment options for such disorder, and for other purposes.

Napolitano, Grace (D-CA) – MH Caucus Co-Chair

**HR 721, Mental Health Services for Students Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health Programs.

Peters, Scott H. (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 586, STANDUP Act: This bill requires state, tribal, and local educational agencies that receive grant funding for priority mental-health needs, including through the Project AWARE State Education Agency Grant Program, to establish and implement evidence-based suicide awareness and prevention training policies. In addition, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in coordination with the Department of Education and Bureau of Indian Education, must provide educational agencies with best practices for these trainings.

COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

Blunt Rochester, Lisa (D-DE)

**HR 907, Investing in Community Healing Act: To address the psychological, social, and emotional needs of racial and ethnic minorities who experience trauma associated with law enforcement violence, and for other purposes.

Brownley, Julia (D-CA)

**HR 912, American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans Mental Health Act: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make certain improvements relating to mental health and suicide prevention outreach to minority veterans and American Indian and Alaska Native veterans, and for other purposes.

Cárdenas, Tony (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 1331, Strengthening Mental Health Supports for BIPOC Communities Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to reduce health inequities experienced by individuals who are members of historically racial and ethnic minority groups under State plans under the community mental health services block grant program, and for other purposes.

Watson Coleman, Bonnie (D-NJ) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 1475, Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act: To address mental health issues for youth, particularly youth of color, and for other purposes.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Kuster, Ann McLane (D-NH) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 706, Emergency Support for Substance Use Disorders Act: To authorize grants to address substance use during COVID-19.

Porter, Katie (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 588, Stopping the Mental Health Pandemic Act: To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to States, political subdivisions of States, Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, community-based entities, and primary care and behavioral health organizations to address behavioral health needs caused by the public health emergency declared with respect to COVID–19.

Ryan, Tim (D-OH) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 593, Coronavirus Mental Health and Addiction Assistance Act: Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to establish a Coronavirus Mental Health and Addiction Assistance Network. These grants would go to eligible entities offering appropriate mental health and addiction services, including Indian tribes, qualified nonprofit organizations, and health care providers.

Tonko, Paul (D-NY) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 1716, To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, to conduct or support research on the mental health consequences of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, and for other purposes.

Trone, David J. (D-MD) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 434, Preventing Mental Health and Substance Use Crises During Emergencies Act: To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to convene a task force to advise the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use on a national strategy for preventing mental health and substance use crises during a public health emergency, and for other purposes.

Wild, Susan (D-PA) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 1667, To address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals.

MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS

Bera, Ami (D-CA)

**HR 1480, To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to improve the detection, prevention, and treatment of mental health issues among public safety officers, and for other purposes.

Blunt Rochester, Lisa (D-DE)

** HR 909, Moms Matter Act: To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, to establish a program to award grants to eligible entities to address maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders with respect to pregnant and postpartum individuals, with a focus on racial and ethnic minority groups, and for other purposes.

Cárdenas, Tony (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member

** HR 1544, To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Center for Mental Health Services of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to award grants to facilitate the funding of community-based mental health and substance use disorder services and peer support programs, and for other purposes.

Chu, Judy (D, CA) – MH Caucus Member

** HR 1551, To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of medical nutrition therapy services for individuals with eating disorders under the Medicare program.

Dean, Madeleine (D-PA)

**HR 523, Community Health Center Mental Health Screening Act: This bill authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to award grants for mental and behavioral health screenings and mental health services to federally qualified health centers.

Emmer, Tom (R-MN) – MH Caucus Member

** HR 1495, To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide coverage under the Medicaid program for services for the treatment of psychiatric or substance use disorders furnished to certain individuals in an institution for mental diseases, and for other purposes.

Jackson Lee, Sheila (D-TX) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 137, Mental Health Access and Gun Violence Prevention Act: This bill authorizes FY2022 appropriations for the Department of Justice, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Social Security Administration to (1) increase access to mental health care treatment and services, and (2) promote reporting of mental health information to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. To authorize funding to increase access to mental health care treatment to reduce gun violence.

Latta, Robert E. (R-OH)

**HR 1001, Creating Resources to Improve Situations of Inherent Severity (CRISIS) Act: To amend the Community Mental Health Service Block Grant to authorize a set-aside for crisis care services, and for other purposes.

Norcross, Donald (D-NJ) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 1364, To amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to strengthen parity in mental health and substance use disorder benefits, and for other purposes.

Ruiz, Raul (D-CA)

**HR 1205, To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Center for Mental Health Services of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to award grants to implement innovative approaches to securing prompt access to appropriate follow-on care for individuals who experience an acute mental health episode and present for care in an emergency department, and for other purposes.

Porter, Katie (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 1368, Mental Health Justice Act: To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to States and political subdivisions of States to hire, employ, train, and dispatch mental health professionals to respond in lieu of law enforcement officers in emergencies involving one or more persons with a mental illness or an intellectual or developmental disability, and for other purposes.

Thompson, Mike (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member

** HR 432, Mental Health Access Improvement Act: This bill provides for coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under Medicare. It also excludes such services from the skilled nursing facility prospective payment system, and authorizes marriage and family therapists and mental health counselors to develop discharge plans for post-hospital services.

Tonko, Paul (D-NY) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 955, Medicaid Reentry Act: To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow States to make medical assistance available to inmates during the 30-day period preceding their release.

Trone, David J. (D-MD) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 1385, Behavioral Health Coordination and Communication Act: To establish the position of Interagency Coordinator for Behavioral Health to coordinate the programs and activities of the Federal Government relating to mental health, and for other purposes.

MILITARY & VETERANS

Buchanan, Vern (R-FL)

**HR 67, Veteran Overmedication and Suicide Prevention Act of 2021: This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to contract with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to report on the deaths of covered veterans who died by suicide during the last five years, regardless of whether information relating to such deaths has been reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A covered veteran is any veteran who received VA hospital care or medical services during the five-year period preceding the veteran's death. Among other elements, the report shall include the total number of covered veterans who died by suicide, violent death, or accidental death, as well as certain demographic information.

Garbarino, Andrew R. (R-NY)

**HR 1123, Veteran Suicide Prevention Act: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a review of the deaths of certain veterans who died by suicide, and for other purposes.

Moulton, Seth (D-MA) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 1309, Supporting Eating Disorders Recovery through Vital Expansion (SERVE) Act: To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for eating disorders treatment for members of the Armed Forces and certain dependents of members and former members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

Murphy, Gregory (R-NC)

**HR 1014, Veterans National Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment Act: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to furnish hyperbaric oxygen therapy to a veteran who has a traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder.

Rutherford, John H. (R-FL) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 1022, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a grant program under which the Secretary shall make grants to private entities for the provision of service dogs to eligible veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes.

Waltz, Michael (R-FL)

** HR 852, United States-Israel PTSD Collaborative Research Act: This bill establishes a grant program for collaborative efforts between the United States and Israel to advance research on post-traumatic stress disorders. The Department of Defense, in coordination with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of State, shall award grants to eligible academic institutions or nonprofit entities in the United States. Work shall be conducted by the eligible entity and an entity in Israel under a joint research agreement.

Zeldin, Lee M. (R-NY)

**HR 1476, To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to State and local entities to carry out peer-to-peer mental health programs.

TELEHEALTH

McKinley, David B. (R-WV)

**HR 1647, To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the use of telehealth for substance use disorder treatment and mental health services, and for other purposes.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Beyer, Donald S., Jr. (D-VA) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 792, Barriers to Suicide Act: To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program to facilitate the installation, on bridges, of evidence-based suicide deterrents, including suicide prevention nets and barriers, and for other purposes.

Bilirakis, Gus M. (R-FL) – MH Caucus Member

**HR 1324, Effective Suicide Screening and Assessment in the Emergency Department Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to improve the identification, assessment, and treatment of patients in hospital emergency departments who are at risk of suicide, and for other purposes.

Emmer, Tom (R-MN) – MH Caucus Member

** HR 220, STRESS under COVID–19 Act: To make supplemental appropriations to carry out farm stress programs, provide for expedited additional support under the farm and ranch stress assistance network, and for other purposes.